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SUBJECT: HOUSE DRUG COMMITTEE VISIT TO GERMANY

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1. THE EMBASSY WELCOMES CODEL'S PROPOSED VISIT TO THE  
FRG TO INVESTIGATE DRUG ABUSE AND TRAFFICKING AMONG US  
MILITARY PERSONNEL.

2. THE CURRENT DRUG SITUATION IN THE US MILITARY HERE  
IS APPARENTLY CLOSELY LINKED TO THE HIGH AVAILABILITY OF  
NARCOTICS IN THE FRG AND BERLIN. WE BELIEVE THE CODEL'S  
VISIT COULD SERVE TO DRAW FRG ATTENTION TO  
DRUG-RELATED ISSUES AND THUS FURTHER THE EMBASSY'S  
OBJECTIVES TO ENCOURAGE THE WEST GERMANS:

- TO PROVIDE HIGH-LEVEL FOCUS AND DIRECTION  
TO DRUG CONTROL PROGRAMS;

- TO DEVOTE MORE RESOURCES TO THESE PROGRAMS; AND  
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- TO BROADEN AND DEEPEN AREAS OF US/FRG COOPERA-  
TION IN DRUG CONTROL EFFORTS.

3. WE BELIEVE THE WEST GERMANS HAVE CONSISTENTLY  
UNDERESTIMATED THE SERIOUSNESS OF THEIR DRUG PROBLEM.  
THE CODEL'S INVESTIGATIONS MAY WELL TEND TO CONFIRM OUR

BELIEF. IF THEY DO, THERE ARE OBVIOUS POLITICAL  
OVERTONES FOR THE FRG, AND WE WOULD HOPE THAT WHATEVER  
PUBLIC STATEMENTS CODEL'S MEMBERS MAKE WOULD AVOID  
IMPLICATIONS THAT THE GERMANS HAVE DONE  
AN INADEQUATE JOB IN CONTROLLING DRUG SUPPLY AND  
AVAILABILITY IN THE FRG.

4. IF CONGRESSMAN ENGLISH DOES INDEED CHOOSE TO VISIT  
BONN, THE EMBASSY IS PREPARED TO MAKE APPOINTMENTS  
FOR HIM WITH KNOWLEDGEABLE FRG OFFICIALS AT THE  
HIGHEST POSSIBLE LEVEL. APART FROM THESE APPOINTMENTS,  
OTHER CALLS THE CONGRESSMAN AND HIS COLLEAGUES MIGHT  
MAKE WILL DEPEND ON WHERE THE TWO-DAY INTERVIEWS  
WILL BE HELD, THE TIME AVAILABLE, AND THE WILLINGNESS  
OF CODEL MEMBERS TO TRAVEL ELSEWHERE. WE CAN  
PRESUMABLY DISCUSS THESE DETAILS WITH COMMITTEE CHIEF  
OF STAFF LAWRENCE WHEN HE VISITS IN BONN LATER THIS  
MONTH.

5. USAREUR CONCURS THAT CODEL'S VISIT COULD BE USEFUL.  
USAREUR IS CONCERNED, HOWEVER, THAT THE COMMITTEE  
PROPOSES TO HOLD THE FORMAL HEARINGS IN BERLIN, AND  
POINTS OUT THAT:

A) THE FORMAL HEARINGS IN BERLIN CAN ONLY RESULT  
IN SHARPENING THE PERSPECTIVE THAT BERLIN HAS AN  
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UNMANAGEABLE DRUG PROBLEM.

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B) BERLIN BRIGADE'S ABUSE RATE IS BELOW THE  
OVERALL USAREUR AVERAGE.

C) IT WILL BE MORE CONVENIENT FOR THE SELECTED  
WITNESSES TO TRAVEL TO A CENTRAL LOCATION WITHIN THE  
FRG THAN TO TRAVEL TO BERLIN.

6. DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY DRUG AND ALCOHOL ABUSE  
OFFICER, HELEN GOVIN, HAS INFORMED USAREUR THAT  
CONGRESSMAN ENGLISH TOLD HER THAT IT IS NOT THE  
COMMITTEE'S INTENT OR DESIRE TO FOCUS THE HEARINGS  
ON BERLIN.

7. FOR THE REASONS NOTED ABOVE, USAREUR RECOMMENDS  
THAT THE COMMITTEE'S FORMAL HEARINGS BE HELD AT A  
CENTRAL LOCATION IN THE FRG AND NOT IN BERLIN, AND HAS  
ASKED THAT THE DEPARTMENT SEEK TO OBTAIN THE COMMITTEE'S  
AGREEMENT TO SUCH A CHANGE IN PLANS.  
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8. FOR USBER AND BERLIN: USAREUR AND THE EMBASSY  
WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENTS TO USAREUR'S REQUEST.  
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